

(f) Personal services contracts for the services of individual experts or consultants are limited by the Classification Act. In addition, the Office of Personnel Management has established requirements which apply in acquiring the personal services of experts or consultants in this manner (e.g., benefits, taxes, conflicts of interest). Therefore, the contracting officer shall effect necessary coordination with the cognizant civilian personnel office.

37.105 Competition in service contracting.

(a) Unless otherwise provided by statute, contracts for services shall be awarded through sealed bidding whenever the conditions in 6.401(a) are met (except see 6.401(b)).

(b) The provisions of statute and part 6 of this regulation requiring competition apply fully to service contracts. The method of contracting used to provide for competition may vary with the type of service being acquired and may not necessarily be limited to price competition.

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37.106 Funding and term of service contracts.

(a) When contracts for services are funded by annual appropriations, the term of contracts so funded shall not extend beyond the end of the fiscal year of the appropriation except when authorized by law (see paragraph (b) of this section for certain service contracts, 32.703-2 for contracts conditioned upon availability of funds, and 32.703-3 for contracts crossing fiscal years).

(b) 41 U.S.C. 253I, as amended by Section 1073 of the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994 (Pub. L. 103-355), authorizes the head of any executive agency except the Department of Defense, United States Coast Guard, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (41 U.S.C. 252(a)(1)), to enter into a basic contract, options, or orders under that contract for procurement of severable services for a period that begins in one fiscal year and ends in the next fiscal year if the period of the basic contract, options or orders under that contract

does not exceed one year each. Funds made available for a fiscal year may be obligated for the total amount of an action entered into under this authority (see 32.703-3(b)). Consult agency supplements for similar authorities that may exist for the Department of Defense, United States Coast Guard, or the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

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37.107 Service Contract Act of 1965.

The Service Contract Act of 1965 (41 U.S.C. 351-357) (the Act) provides for minimum wages and fringe benefits as well as other conditions of work under certain types of service contracts (see subpart 22.10). Whether or not the Act applies to a specific service contract will be determined by the definitions and exceptions given in the Act, or implementing regulations.

37.108 Small business Certificate of Competency.

In those service contracts for which the Government requires the highest competence obtainable, as evidenced in a solicitation by a request for a technical/management proposal and a resultant technical evaluation and source selection, the small business Certificate of Competency procedures may not apply (see subpart 19.6).

37.109 Services of quasi-military armed forces.

Contracts with *Pinkerton Detective Agencies or similar organizations* are prohibited by 5 U.S.C. 3108. This prohibition applies only to contracts with organizations that offer quasi-military armed forces for hire, or with their employees, regardless of the contract's character. An organization providing guard or protective services does not thereby become a *quasi-military armed force*, even though the guards are armed or the organization provides general investigative or detective services. (See 57 Comp. Gen. 524).

37.110 Solicitation provisions and contract clauses.

(a) The contracting officer shall insert the provision at 52.237-1, Site Visit, in solicitations for services to be